

## THE ISLAND OF NEGROS

MATERIAL COMPILED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Description of Topography and Products—The New Local Civil Government.

From official material compiled in the division of insular affairs of the War Department the following abstract has been prepared concerning the island of Negros, being separated from the former by the straits of Guimaras and Iloilo at distances from seven to twenty-seven miles, and from the latter almost its entire length by the narrow strait of three to twenty-six miles. The Visayan sea washes its shores on the north, and the Sulu, on the south and southwest.

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A central range extending from north to south divides the island into two almost equal divisions, and a lateral spur trends eastward to the coast. This, with the main range continuing south, constitutes the boundary between the two Negros provinces. The spurs from these mountains form large valleys, inhabited only on the western side from Sagatosa to Slay, and on the north and northeast, when the coastal plains are intersected by rivers of good size. Although the country is rugged, it is very fertile in the cultivated part, because of the numerous streams.

In area Occidental Negros is 800 square miles larger than Delaware, and Oriental Negros is 1,000 square miles larger than Rhode Island. The combined area of the two provinces lacks but 145 square miles of the size of Connecticut. In population the Occidental province has the same number of inhabitants as the state of Delaware. Aggregately the population is but 25,000 less than the state of Vermont. The people are Visayans along the coast and Panayans in the mountains, and speak languages known by the same names.

The straits on either side of the island form a protection from the winds of the ocean. The coasts afford numerous roads and bays, and few bays, the anchorages being generally under shelter of the adjacent islands.

**Little Communication With Interior.**  
The coast of the island is paralleled by a wagon road or trail, there being very few communications with the interior, as all the towns of any consequence are on the seashore. The only defiles through the mountain chain are at Tipan, where the Ilog river, rising on the eastern side, flows westward into the opening of Guimaras strait and at Hilayo, where a mountain path crosses to the headquarters of the Hilabano, and thence by way of Isabela to the Guimaras strait on the west side of Hinalanan.

The Occidental province has thirty towns and upward of 100 villages. The capital, Bacolod, a port open for coasting trade, is at the mouth of the river Lupit, opposite the Division of Guimaras and Iloilo strait. It has some fine public and private buildings and a population of 11,024. The remaining towns range from 4,000 to 9,100 inhabitants. Occidental Negros has thirty towns, all but one on the coast and six in the interior, also on the coast, except four, in the vicinity of Bais and live in the neighborhood of Dumaguete.

The capital, Dumaguete, is a port open to coasting trade, and a telegraph and military station immediately south of the southern entrance to the Tanon strait. It is connected by road or trail with all parts of the coast, and has a population of 14,352, being the largest town in the province. The coast is exceptionally free from islands, but six lying off Occidental and three off Oriental Negros, the aggregate area being 1,150 square miles.

**Vegetable Products.**  
The vegetable products of the island are abundant. The chocolate is of the best quality grown in the Visayas. Among the other crops are sugar cane, coffee, rice, tobacco, wax, wheat, cotton, hemp, bago, si-buco, corn, etc. Large numbers of cattle, horses, carabao and hogs are also raised. The interior being little explored, nothing is known of the mineral wealth which may be hidden in the mountain masses.

The forests contain many valuable woods, the chief of which is teak, one of the best timbers used in ship building among the western nations. Next to the agricultural industries are the fisheries. The products of the waters of the island consist of fish, tortoise shell, sea cucumbers, sea shells, etc.

This island was occupied during the spring and summer of 1860. After the departmental organization of the island, the troops were actively engaged in the suppression of brigandage, and particularly of the Tulsanes, or organized bands of outlaws and robbers.

The civil government established by the Philippine commission is the same as that provided for other provinces under the provincial organization act of February 6, 1901.

**MR. HOAR'S TRIBUTE TO McKINLEY.**  
The Republic Will Live, He Says, In Spite of Anarchy.

After the formal business of the Massachusetts state republican convention at Boston was concluded yesterday, United States Senator George F. Hoar was introduced to speak in memory of President McKinley. The convention stood to greet the senator, and three hearty cheers were given for him.

In speaking feelingly of the assassination of President McKinley, Senator Hoar said: "We can undoubtedly provide some additional legal safeguards against the recurrence of this terrible crime, but we cannot give up free speech or constitutional liberty because of the danger of a recurrence of such crimes. The restraining of free speech and of the free press, disagreeable to the majority, would be a mistake as if a man from the individual's sense of duty and not by law."

You and I, said Senator Hoar, "are republicans. You are Protestants in religion. We are men of native birth. Yet, if every republican were today to fall in with the wickedness of the majority, I believe our countrymen of the other party, in spite of what we deem their errors, would take the lead in the struggle for liberty and glory. I believe if every Protestant were to be stricken down by a lightning stroke that our brethren of the other faith would immediately burst the republic in the spirit of a true and liberal freedom."

I believe if every man of native birth within our borders were to do this, the men of foreign birth who have come here to seek homes and liberty under the shadow of the republic, would carry on the republic in God's appointed way. I believe if every man of the north were to die the new and chastened south, with the virtues of the hard-headed Bismarckian type, rarely to be swayed by sentiment; they believe in education as we believe in cricket, and within a few years Spanish will be spoken at most a faint, twilight sort of existence in the highlands of Spain's ancient colonies, and that a Cuban or Porto Rican of the

**Denationalization in the School Room.**  
Sidney Brooks in the National Review.

Nothing pleased me more in the states than to go into one of the public schools and watch America being Americanized. The American flag is hoisted in the presence of children and flatter out whatever may be too un-American in their mental make-up. The introduction of the American public school system into Cuba and Porto Rico drives a stiff wedge into the dominion of Spanish and makes the necessary language for an ambitious colonial. American policy is, and always has been, of the hard-headed Bismarckian type, rarely to be swayed by sentiment; they believe in education as we believe in cricket, and within a few years Spanish will be spoken at most a faint, twilight sort of existence in the highlands of Spain's ancient colonies, and that a Cuban or Porto Rican of the

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OF THE  
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At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the  
close of business September 30, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$3,288,132 74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,670 44
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	18,790 93
Premiums on U. S. bonds	45,837 47
Stocks, securities, etc.	265,049 99
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	533,182 72
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	551,890 77
Due from state banks and bankers	506,733 93
Internal revenue stamps	550 12
Checks and other cash items	103,082 17
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	86 33
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$36,020 25
Legal-tender notes	24,090 00
Total	\$5,862,201 47

Total assets over \$500,000.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$1,250,000 00
Surplus fund	300,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	237,134 51
Dividends unpaid	708 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$24,258 70
Trust deposits	254,936 02
Certified checks	2,277 40
Cashier's checks	786 84
Standing	3,574,258 96
Debiture bonds	\$20,100 00
Total	\$5,862,201 47

REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
HOME SAVINGS BANK,  
At Washington, in the District of Columbia,  
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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$240,017 15
Overdrafts and fixtures	1,762 38
Internal revenue stamps	20,356,225 85
Cash in banks and in vault	26,491 88
Total	\$307,227 96

REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY,  
At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the  
close of business September 30, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$524,169 05
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1 27
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	26,759 81
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	140,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	100,827 12
Due from state banks and bankers	9,800 00
Due from approved reserve agents	90,085 81
Internal revenue stamps	590 80
Checks and other cash items	13,209 28
Exchanges for clearing house	14,775 32
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$101,888 00
Legal-tender notes	1,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (6% of circulation)	2,500 00
Total	\$1,082,924 08

REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
WEST END NATIONAL BANK,  
At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the  
close of business September 30, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$641,134 77
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	516 20
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	782 48
Stocks, securities, etc.	41,897 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	81,492 50
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	88,000 00
Due from state banks and bankers	63,970 97
Due from approved reserve agents	13,222 87
Internal revenue stamps	77,255 43
Checks and other cash items	408 92
Exchanges for clearing house	2,103 87
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$27,250 75
Legal-tender notes	47,845 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (6% of circulation)	2,500 00
Total	\$1,111,017 35

REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
W. B. Hibbs & Co.,  
At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the  
close of business September 30, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$641,134 77
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	516 20
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	782 48
Stocks, securities, etc.	41,897 00
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
RIGGS NATIONAL BANK,  
At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the  
close of business September 30, 1901.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$641,134 77
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	516 20
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	782 48
Stocks, securities, etc.	41,897 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	81,492 50
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